

January 13
Sister Antoinette Frank
(b. Isabella Frank)
(1860-1886)

Sister Antoinette, the daughter of an esteemed family of St. Michael Parish, Monroe, was born August 14, 1860. She received her early education at St. Mary Academy where she was a boarder until her entrance into our Community in 1878. Her reception occurred on November fourteenth of that year and her profession, November 15, 1880.

Not long did Sister have an opportunity of exercising her zeal in missionary endeavors, for in the initial state of a promising apostolate at St. Joseph's, Detroit, she was attacked by tuberculosis.

Of the first years of her illness we have no record, but we are told that her sufferings during the last two years of her life was intense, she bore them with loving, patient endurance, cherishing them as the means God had given her for the final purification of her soul. That death held no terrors for her is evident from the incident which occurred the day before her death. While Bishop Maes was visiting her on that occasion, she asked how long she would live. He answered. "About two days." Shortly after his departure, the infirmarian entered the room, and finding Sister in tears, asked the reason. Sister replied that the Bishop had said she would live two days and she hoped to die that day. Early the next morning, the Spouse for Whose embrace she had been longing took her to His haven of eternal joy and happiness.